

orebearance than brother John Keim. I know that many have been his heart aches and discouragements, but he has withstood all in a Christian spirit for no other purpose than for the general interest and success of the church he loves. Brethren let us rally around him and save our honor and reputation, for it gives us a bad reputation to fail to co-operate with the general church in her efforts to pay her honest debts. Not long since I received a letter from a clerk of a certain church in Ohio, making incidentally this inquiry. "What did you mean when you said you were reluctant to come to—on college business for they had a 'reputation.' The 'reputation' of course was, 'not in favor of the college.' Who would not rather go where they were in favor of the college? He farther said, 'they would gladly make things right if they knew what the 'reputation' was.' I am glad they can regain their reputation by sending to John Keim \$160 before Jan. 1, 1898. Watch for the check, Brother Keim.

Come, now, brethren, let us all "gladly make things right" and send in the "stuff."

W. A. WELTY.

Bryan, Ohio.

An Open Letter to Evangelist Readers

From this date the price of the EVANGELIST will again be \$1.50 per year, instead of \$1.00 as it was for the last year. The Publication Board would have preferred to continue the popular price of one dollar, but the past year's experience proves that it can not do so without loss financially, and as the Board is expected by Conference to do a paying business, there is no alternative save to make the price to meet the cost of publication. I trust every subscriber will accept the change in the light of common sense, and renew his subscription just the same as if the price were \$1.00.

I have personally studied every detail of publication, and I am not only of the opinion, but am certain that the paper can not be published at \$1.00 without loss, with less than 3000 subscribers, unless there was considerable space given to advertising, and it is not easy to get profitable advertising with a subscription list less than 3000 or 4000. The condition of the Publishing House affairs was but recently published in the secretary's report to National Conference; those who read that understand the why and wherefore of the change in price, hence it is not necessary to go into details in this letter.

During the fifteen months of my connection with the Publishing House I have spent time and money to go to Ashland twice, have spent possibly ten dollars for postage and have floated at least eight of the Publication Board's bonds. I do not expect to get one dollar of remuneration, nor the return of any money spent for postage and traveling in the interest of the business. I do not ask for sympathy or thanks, but I do ask that every one who feels an interest in the EVANGELIST or in the Brethren church or in the cause of Christ, whose subscription expires January

1, 1898, to renew as early as possible by remitting the amount of the subscription price. The Board has obligations to meet on or about the first day of January, for which I am personally responsible, and if those whose subscriptions expire with the close of the year will renew on or before that time, it will greatly relieve the Board and me personally. It is much easier for you to raise \$1.50 than it is for me to raise from \$400 to \$500 to pay into a business in which I have no personal interest. Think of this and act according to the dictates of a quickened conscience.

The Board will not undertake to do a cash-in-advance business this year. But on the other hand will continue and charge up every subscription, hence if you do not want the paper or *if you do want to pay for it*, write to the office at Ashland to that effect, otherwise the continued subscriptions will be charged \$1.50 on the books of the Board. The management will of course exercise patience and not make the entry on the day a subscription expires, but if after a lapse of sixty days there is no request to stop the paper it will be taken for granted that the subscription is to be continued and the charge will be made upon the ledger of the Board.

In conclusion I will again urge all subscribers to pay promptly in advance as their subscription expires so as to enable the Board to meet all obligations when due as every Christian organization ought to do.

JACOB C. CASSEL,

Sec. and Treas. Brethren Pub. Board.

Ashland University

We report the receipt of the following apportionments:—West Independence Class, per H. D. Krabille, West Independence, O., \$43.00; Flora Class, per G. W. Rensch, Flora, Ind., \$35.00.

We would like to hear from Pennsylvania and Kanemorado districts.

Your fraternally,

JOHN KEIM.

Sec. A. U. F. Com.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Since I took you by the hand at National conference and we bade each other farewell, I have been too busy to write anything for the paper, which is a welcome visitor in our home. I always enjoy the editorials and the news in general, and still more its present size. Brother Editor, you have my congratulations. The paper is clean, instructive and entertaining and no member should be without it. It is comforting and encouraging, and puts new life in us, and we take fresh courage in helping on the Master's cause, when we learn what others are doing in the brotherhood and saving those who are lost to Christ. The paper should have a larger circulation here than it has, but we doubled our subscription as we said we would if the price was a dollar. Don't know what I may accomplish this year, but you can make up your mind that the EVANGELIST has lots of friends in the "Smokey City," and all who can spare the \$1.50 will have the paper.

I have not done anything toward helping the five hundred, but will fall in line January 1, and talk paper in the home, on the street, and in the little chapel, until I put a paper in every home, and there should be no excuse for not having it. The Editor is all right, so is the paper, and the price not too high. So brother ministers, go to work. The more EVANGELISTS you put in your charge, the easier your work will be, and the more Christ-like your people will become. Now that the paper is on a fair way to success, the next important matter should be our school. May the Holy Spirit visit every heart between this and January '98, and make one more mighty effort and wipe out the debt that has closed its doors and disbanded the faculty and discouraged many a heart who looked to Ashland for young men, fitted and fully qualified for the ministry. We shall surely hang our heads in shame if we let go our educational interests, and our children will make us a laughing stock for generations to come, because we could not raise a debt of a few thousand dollars. Wake up, brethren, and all make a little sacrifice. Give the wheel another lift, and so completely raise it from the mud hole of debt and discouragement to victory and success, that the glorious news may be heralded to the last isolated member of our beloved brotherhood.

The church is moving on nicely under the pastorate of Dr. MacGregor. Every month we have confessions or baptisms. The doctor was not feeling very well Sabbath evening and I baptized a mother and her son, a bright and promising boy. Our school is doing lots of good for the young people in this part of the city and in fact I know some older ones who are being much benefited by the doctor's earnest efforts to make it a success for both old and young. Through the influence of the school quite a number have come into the church. Our Sabbath-school is evergreen, and doing a glorious work for the brotherhood in teaching God's word and establishing the doctrines of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only those who believe in baptism, feet-washing and the Lord's supper can teach in our school. This may seem a little selfish to the readers of the EVANGELIST, but past experience has taught us that the classes should all be taught one and the same doctrine. Which is the safest teacher? One who is rooted and grounded in the truth, or one who will compromise any of the doctrines because of the lack of moral courage to openly live the truth, as we understand it, and thus teach. We have set apart the first Wednesday evening of each month for teachers meeting. Brother Kennedy is in charge of the class. The doctor is one of the grandest Bible school workers I ever came in contact with. He prepares the black board and each Lord's day gives the school a very interesting and instructive talk. The doctor knows how to draw the attention of the little folks and fasten firmly the truth of God's word upon their young minds. Long after the doctor has departed from his field